

OLD VIRGINIA HOUSE ON APPOMATTOX

The Ancient Seat of the Kennon Family, Near Petersburg, Was Built in 1685.

PETERSBURG, VA., February 1.—Five miles below Petersburg in what was originally "Conjurer's Neck," a peninsula formed by the junction of the Appomattox river with Swift creek, so called from a famous Indian conjurer who lived there, stands the oldest surviving dwelling in Virginia.

The building, now known as "the brick house," the ancient seat of the Kennons, was erected in 1685 by Richard Kennon, then a member of the House of Burgesses from Henrico county, an English gentleman of fortune and the first of his name in America, who settled in Virginia prior to 1675, and whose family received land grants of upward of 50,000 acres. The house antedates old Blandford Church—famous relic of the past—by 52 years, the solid walls which we see to-day having stood for 48 years when Col. William Byrd conceived the thought of founding Richmond and Petersburg—"building," as he tells us, "cities in the air"—and 57 years before the older of the two towns was established.

It is seven years older than William and Mary College, with the exception of Harvard University, the oldest educational institution in the United States, and had been in existence for 12 years when the Colonial Government was removed from Jamestown to Williamsburg.

Stands Near the River.

It stands upon a slight eminence within 100 yards of the river; then and until after the Civil War navigable at that point. A walk, bordered on either side by cedars, leads down the gentle incline to the water, where, among them a handsome magnolia, cluster around the building, while to the right of it is an ancient pear tree, described in legal documents as dating largely over 100 years back, which



COLONEL RICHARD KENNON.

Richard Kennon from a painting by Charles Wilson Peck. General Kennon was a member of the House of Burgesses, fought through the Revolutionary War, was a charter member of the Cincinnati and appointed by Jefferson first Governor of Louisiana.

here fruit within the memory of many still living, and was intact until storm-torn less than two years ago. At the time of its erection the house stood on the Colonial frontier, a tiny grave within its shadow and overlooked by its Southern windows, indicating the fact of savage depredation to which the young mother must have been a prey. A marble slab covers this grave upon which is legibly inscribed: "Here lyeth interred the body of Richard Kennon, eldest son of Richard and Elizabeth (Worham) Kennon. He was born the 5th of December, 1684, and departed this life the 8th of March, 1688."

Another tomb upon whose horizontal surface the turf setting encroaches, although of later date, is more worn. It is that of Henry Isham Kennon, a grandson of Richard and the son of Major William Kennon, member of the House of Burgesses, and Anne (Epney) Kennon, who, as the indistinct lettering states, was born April 22, 1718, and died August 8, 1747.

Another Kennon of Major William Kennon, his namesake, and like himself member of the House of Burgesses, married Elizabeth Lewis, a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Worham) Kennon, while their son, the third of his name and fourth in direct line, who served in the House of Burgesses, removed to North Carolina, establishing a branch of the family in that State, and being the signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

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For the last two weeks there has been pouring into our Dress Goods Department the prettiest and most complete assortment of Worsteds that we have ever shown. In this assortment can be found from the most expensive French Novelities (in exclusive patterns) to the less expensive Suitings in every imaginable texture and color. They will all be ready for inspection Monday morning, and we take pleasure in inviting you to come and look at what we think is the prettiest line of Dress Goods that has ever been shown in Richmond.

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85c and 75c Wide Swiss Flouncings, 49c.

Extra Wide Swiss Flouncings, in the season's newest and most effective designs; positively worth 85c and 75c, special 49c.

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Ladies' Extra Fine Gauze Silk Hose, light foot; special \$1.50 a pair. Ladies' Spun All Pure Silk Hose, in all colors and black, special \$1.00 a pair.

35c Ladies' Lisle Hose, light and medium weight, special 25c a pair.

The Last Week of the

Clearance Sale of Women's Skirts

33 1-3 per cent. to 50 per cent. Reduction.

All of them are this season's cleverest styles; but it makes no difference how good they are, they must get out of our house before the new spring goods arrive. However, there is not a Skirt in the lot that is not good enough for wear for the entire coming season. The materials are Navy Blue and Black Panama, Black Imported Voile, Gray and Nobby Checked Panama.

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dence, and a member of the first State House of Representatives.

Kennon the Builder.

A descendant of William Kennon and Elizabeth Lewis, Mrs. Mary Kennon Evans, now 84 years old, lives in Portland, Ore.; while her son, Col. Robert Kennon Evans who married a granddaughter of Judge Jere Black, a descendant of President Bolling, of the Cabinet, was military attaché at Berlin, and is at present in command of the Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Richard Kennon, the builder of the house, Conjuror's Neck, died in 1690, and was presumably buried there. Fragments of tombstones were, indeed, remembered by those earlier acquainted with the place, but the graves of Richard and Henry Isham, his son and grandson, are the only ones designated.

The Kennons intermarried with many of the most prominent families in the colony, and the Bollings through the marriage of Mary Kennon, a sister of Richard, Jr., with his wife's brother, John Bolling, of Cobbs, afterward the seat of the first deaf-mute school in America, while marriages in the different generations with the Beverleys, Munfords, Blands (from whom Gen. Robert E. Lee was descended), Skiptons, Peters (descendants of Martha Washington), Randolphs, Tuckers, Byrds, of Westover; Burwells, Harrisons, Eppes, Cockes, Boushs, Fitzhughs, Lewises, Cabells, Carters, Claibornes, Curtiss, Dandridge, Pages, Willis, and Mayes, have allied their descendants with almost every Colonial family in Virginia.

An Ancient Ferry.

The Kennons were careless of records, and one can only dimly conjecture their life at Conjuror's Neck. The card playing and dancing to which the Colonial Virginians were addicted were doubtless among their recreations, while fish and game, abounding at their very doors, are suggestive of outdoor sports.

In 1720 we read of a ferry between the falls and City Point, owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Kennon, the widow of the first Richard, and a daughter of Colonel Worham, a vinterman of old Cur's Church, which implies regular intercourse with the outside world; while Ferry Chabel, called for it, and referred to in the same year, and Wood's Church, five miles from what is now Petersburg, and built in 1707—the mother of Blandford—give assurance at once of church and social life.

One or more members of the House

of Burgesses in each generation of Kennons must, too, have kept them in touch with the gay life at Williamsburg after the removal, in 1698, of the seat of government from Jamestown to that place; and in 1776, during the Revolutionary War when the British had their headquarters there, the house and grounds were animated by uniformed men.

The last of the Kennons born at Conjuror's Neck was Richard, a grandson of Richard Kennon and Agnes Boring, and a son of Robert Kennon, who married Sarah Skipton, a daughter of Sir William Skipton, an English baronet who emigrated to Virginia during Cromwell's usurpation, a son of Sir Henry Skipton, appointed first Lord of the Treasury in 1689, and a descendant of Robert d'Estouteville, Baron of Colingham in the time of William the Conqueror.

Richard Kennon, who died at 44, and is known in history as General Kennon, entered the Revolutionary Army as Lieutenant in the Fifth Virginia Regiment, serving with distinction throughout the war, and being promoted to Brigadier-General. In 1759 he was a member of the State Senate, and Speaker of the House. He was also a charter member of the Cincinnati, the late Dr. William Beverley, Jefferson first Governor of Louisiana, dying before he took his seat.

The Family Tree.

He married Elizabeth Beverley Munford, daughter of Robert Munford, of Richmond, Mecklenburg county, Va., of which marriage there were five sons, four of whom entered the navy, and one daughter, Sarah Skipton Kennon, who married Commodore Arthur Sinclair, also of the navy, a son of Arthur Sinclair, of Scotland, who was one of the Shetland Islands, off the coast of Scotland, and a lineal descendant of the Earl of Cathness, grandson of King Robert II., of Scotland, and second son of Sir William Sinclair, who built Roslin Chapel, near Edinburgh, still used for worship, and said to be the most beautiful and unique church in Scotland in 1844, but the Sinclair, accompanied Lord Anthony around the world, and settling in America, bequeathed to his son a handsome estate.

General Kennon's children all married, thus widely scattering his descendants, a number of whom are prominently known. His eldest son, Richard, married Mary Ann Byrd, of Westover; their only child, Emily, becoming the wife of Edward Doran, of the navy, and leaving two sons and one daughter, who are still living.

Another son, John, married Nanette Randolph, of Norwood, in Powhatan county, Va., now occupied by his son, William Upshur Kennon. The oldest son of William Upshur Dr. Beverly Randolph Kennon, settled in Norfolk and is a leading specialist of that city. General Kennon's third son, Commodore Beverley Kennon, with several members of Tyler's expedition, was killed in 1844, but the explosion of a gun on the Princeton.

The Kennons were game stock, and

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New Baby Irish, Venice and Net Allovers, in new, stylish and exclusive designs, \$1.50 to \$7.50 a yard.

Bands to match, in widths from one-half to five inches, 15c to \$2.50 a yard.

New Fillet Bands, in white, cream and ecru; entirely new patterns, 35c to \$2.50 a yard.

New Figured and Embroidered Cotton Nets, in white and cream, 75c to \$2.00.

New Val. Laces

Our own direct importation of German, French and Italian Val. Laces and Insertions, in matched sets; hundreds of new patterns to select from, 50c to \$5.00 a piece.

New Dress Trimmings

New Braids, in all colors and black; new Ball Fringe, in all colors; new Applique, entirely new designs; Gold Mixed Trimmings, entirely new designs; special values, 6 1/2c, 12 1/2c, 17c, 25c.

\$3.50 12-Button Cape Goat Gloves, \$2.39

Extra heavy, in the new tan and brown shades; special \$2.39.

Muslin Underwear Specials

Annex, Second Floor.

Corset Covers of good cambric, trimmed with insertion and embroidered edge, 25c.

Corset Covers of cambric and nainsook, with rows of insertion, with ribbon run through, 39c.

Corset Covers of fine nainsook, with insertion, beading and ribbon, 49c.

Drawers of nainsook and cambric, deep muslin flounce with cluster of tucks, 49c.

Drawers of good cambric and nainsook, with cluster of tucks and ruffle of embroidery, 69c.

Gowns of cambric and muslin, round, square and V-neck yokes of tucks and embroidery, 89c.

Gowns of cambric and nainsook, with yoke of Val. lace and embroidered neck and sleeves, trimmed with dainty embroidery, 95c.

Skirts of good cambric, with deep flounce of eyelet embroidery, 95c.

Skirts of cambric, with deep flounce of tucks and embroidery, very full, \$1.50.

Washington and the rest of the charter members; specimens of the family silver, containing the Kennon crest; a portrait of General Kennon's wife, Elizabeth Munford, with portraits of their sons, Beverly, Richard and George, in full naval regalia.

There is a portrait of William Kennon at Norwood, owned by his son William, and a second portrait of Elizabeth Munford Kennon, with a necklace worn by her, and charming letters describing her gay life at Williamsburg, in possession of the Richmond descendants of her only daughter, Sarah Skipton Kennon, and a portrait of Sarah Skipton, with one of her husband, Commodore Arthur Sinclair.

Of that marriage there were three sons—Arthur, George and Dr. William Beverley Sinclair—all of the navy, and two daughters—Elizabeth and Gilberta—who married brothers, Commodore William Conway and Dr. Conway Davies Whittle.

Descendants in Baltimore. A number of the descendants of Arthur Sinclair, son of Arthur and Sarah Skipton Kennon, live in Baltimore. A son George, lives in New York, while Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle," is his grandson. After the Civil War George, Dr. William C. Whittle, of Norfolk, first lieutenant of the Confederate cruiser Shenandoah, and commander, as a youth of 21, of the blockade runner Nashville, played polo with the Kennons, and Judge Stafford G. Whittle, of the Virginia Court of Appeals.

At that time Mrs. Batte described it as an Eden, wherein were "trees good for food and pleasant to the eye." In approaching it one was greeted with delicious fragrance from blossoming magnolias and imperial Pawlonia trees; from the rose garden of half an acre, from great line bushes and jonquils, narcissus and other flowers which crowded even the fence corners of the fields.

There was also a variety and abundance of fruit to which the historic pear tree added a luscious contribution, and two prolific fisheries, from which blue crabs and herring were taken, and salmon and trout for market. Three sora beds attracted sportsmen from miles around, while from the bed which the family reserved for its exclusive

use a barrel of birds was frequently taken. They had rowboats, making the trip to Petersburg either by land or water, and steamboats, plying between that town and City Point, passed their door. Relics of the primitive occupants of the peninsula were discovered by the plowshare in Indian arrowheads, a variety of implements, and a stone hatchet, all of which were preserved by Mrs. Batte.

On one occasion when the servants were cutting up hogs on a heavy whitewashed board that was wont to be presented to the former he declared his intention of having them converted into relics for distribution among members of the Kennon family.

Describing the house at that time, Dr. Sinclair said: "It is built of imported brick, with walls nearly three feet thick and chimneys of towerlike height and strength. Beneath is a basement paved with tiles, the whole being in excellent preservation, and if not pulled down or destroyed by fire is likely to stand a thousand years."

To this Mrs. Batte adds: "One entered a spacious hall running between two high-pitched rooms 26 feet long by 26 broad. In these carved walnut mantels reached from the floor to the ceiling, flanked on either side by recesses so deep as to serve for rooms. One of these was used as a library, another containing the curios brought

Petticoat Bargains

\$6.00 Black Silk Petticoats, \$3.98

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Women's \$30.00 Spring Suits, \$24.75

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The Silk Store

The Clearance Sale just closed has left us a CLEAN HOUSE. We are getting real "springy" already, and every day silks that are rich and exclusive are coming by every express. First to arrive was a lot of 25 beautiful shades in the ever popular "Rajah," undoubtedly one of fashion's favorites for the coming season, \$1.35 yard.

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Fifteen shades in Swiss Mesallines, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 a yard. For Monday only our famous \$1.75 Black Taffeta, \$1.10 a yard.

For the entire week, our \$1.50 Black Taffeta, \$1.10. As long as it lasts, our \$1.25 Black Taffeta, 80c.

Two Crepe de Chine Days

Monday and Tuesday we are going to give the ladies a chance to buy 85c and 75c Crepe de Chine at 40c a yard. There are just ten shades to select from, including black and white.

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39c Sheer Plaid Muslins, in new and very stylish designs, special 25c.

39c Sheer Linen Lawns, full yard wide, all pure linen; special 25c.

17c Checked Dimities, sheer and fine, special 12 1/2c a yard.

17c French Lawns, forty-two inches wide, fine and sheer; special 12 1/2c.

35c Chiffonettes, forty inches wide, permanent finish, highly mercerized; special 25c.

Wash Goods

15c Printed Batiste, sheer and fine, unusually fine and sheer; special 12 1/2c.

Plaid Voiles, in all colors, entirely new, 25c.

Printed Dotted Swisses, in new and pleasing color combinations, 25c.

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Table Linens

\$7.50 Hemstitched Scotch Damask Napkins, in new and tasty patterns, \$3.00 a dozen.

\$1.50 Hemstitched All-White Pillow Cases, special \$1.25 a pair.

New Beddings, entirely new ideas, 15c, 25c, 39c to \$2.08 a yard.

New Neckwear

New Linen Collars, entirely new ideas, 25c to \$1.08.

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Rug and Curtain Bargains

Third Floor

All-Wool Smyrna Rugs, 4x7 feet; were \$8.00, clearance price \$5.95.

All-Wool Smyrna Rugs, 3x6 feet; were \$5.00, clearance price \$3.49.

All-Wool Mottled Smyrna Rugs, 4x7 feet; were \$6.00, clearance price \$3.95.

Axminster Rugs, 3x6 feet; were \$1.50, clearance price \$2.08.

Odd lot of Nottingham Curtains, only one, two and three pairs of a kind; regular price \$2.25 and \$2.50, clearance price \$1.50.

Odd lot of Nottingham Curtains, ecru and white; regular price \$1.50, clearance price \$1.00.

Odd lot of Lace Bed Sets, full double bed size; \$5.00 ones, clearance price \$3.49 a set.

Odd lot of Smyrna and Axminster Rugs; were \$1.50 and \$1.75, clearance price 95c each.

All-Wool Smyrna Rugs, 20x60 inches; were \$2.50, clearance price \$1.49.

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